

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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4 ANNE SCHLAFLY CORI, et al.,)
5 Plaintiffs,)
6 vs.) Civil Action No.
7 PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S AMERICAN) 3:16-CV-00946 DRH-RJD
8 EAGLES,)
9 Defendant.)

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14 RECORD OF NONAPPEARANCE
15 (Noticed Deposition of John Schlafly
16 as Successor Trustee of Eagle Trust Fund)
17 TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFFS
18 MARCH 2, 2017
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20 (Starting time of the record: 9:43 a.m.)
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EXHIBIT 1

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11 RECORD OF NONAPPEARANCE (Noticed
12 Deposition of John Schlafly as Successor Trustee of
13 Eagle Trust Fund), taken on March 2, 2017, between
14 the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and ten
15 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the offices
16 of Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP, 1 North
17 Brentwood Boulevard, Suite 1000, St. Louis, Missouri
18 63105, before William L. DeVries, a Certified Court
19 Reporter (MO), Registered Diplomate Reporter, and
20 Certified Realtime Reporter, in a certain cause now
21 pending in the United States District Court for the
22 Southern District of Illinois, between ANNE SCHLAFLY
23 CORI, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S
24 AMERICAN EAGLES, Defendant; on behalf of the
25 Plaintiffs.

1 A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 (Starting time: 9:43 a.m.)

2 MR. BLOCK: It's Thursday, March 2nd,
3 at 9:43 a.m. Counsel for plaintiffs, Eric Block.
4 John Schlafly was noticed for a -- served a subpoena
5 for a deposition and production of documents due
6 today in his capacity as Successor Trustee for Eagle
7 Trust Fund.

8 John has chosen to ignore the subpoena
9 and to refuse to appear at the deposition and to
10 otherwise refuse to produce documents. We are
11 submitting an exhibit as Eagle Trust Fund Exhibit 1
12 the notice of the videotaped deposition along with
13 the subpoena and other relevant documents, as well
14 as Eagle Trust Fund Exhibit 2, an e-mail confirming
15 that John Schlafly's attorney, Barry Noeltner,
16 agreed to accept service and accepted service on
17 February 9th, 2017. That's it.

18 (WHEREIN, Exhibit 1, Notice of
19 deposition and subpoena, and Exhibit 2, 2-10-17
20 Solverud e-mail to Noeltner, was marked for
21 identification.)

22 (Ending time: 9:45 a.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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3 I, William L. DeVries, a Certified
4 Court Reporter (MO), Certified Shorthand Reporter
5 (IL), Registered Diplomate Reporter, and a Certified
6 Realtime Reporter, do hereby certify that the
7 foregoing record was taken by me to the best of my
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10 to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action
11 in which this record was taken, and further that I
12 am not a relative or employee of any attorney or
13 counsel employed by the parties thereto, nor
14 financially or otherwise interested in the outcome
15 of the action.

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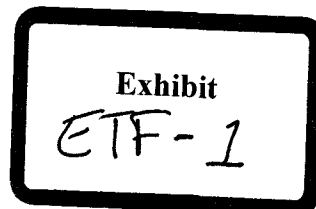
NOTICE OF VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 2, 2017, commencing at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of Spencer Fane LLP, 1 North Brentwood Blvd., Suite 1000, St. Louis, MO 63105, Plaintiffs, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, will take the oral and videotaped deposition of John Schlafly, in his capacity as Successor Trustee of Eagle Trust Fund.

The deponent will be served with a subpoena duces tecum requiring him to appear and testify at the deposition, and produce at and throughout the deposition, for inspection and copying and for purposes of being deposed upon, certain documents and records specified in Exhibit A hereto. A copy of the said subpoena is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The deposition will be recorded verbatim through stenographic means by a court reporter who is authorized by law to administer oaths, or any other officer authorized by law to take depositions in like cases. This deposition will also be videotaped.

The deposition is being taken for purposes of discovery, for use as evidence at trial and for any other proper purpose. The deposition shall continue from day to day until completed.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 8, 2017, the foregoing document was sent via electronic mail, and U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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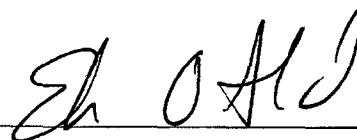


EXHIBIT A – EAGLE TRUST FUND
BY AND THROUGH JOHN F. SCHLAFLY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

Pursuant to the subpoena attached hereto, John F. Schlafly, as one of the Successor Trustees to the Eagle Trust Fund, shall produce the documents and other tangible things in his possession, custody or control which are described below:

Definitions and Instructions

A. As used herein, “PSAE” refers to Phyllis Schlafly’s American Eagles, a Virginia corporation, and any affiliated entities or aliases associated with Phyllis Schlafly’s American Eagles, including but not limited to Phyllis Schlafly’s Eagles and PS Eagles.

B. As used herein, “the Trust” refers to Eagle Trust Fund, which was purportedly created pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated June 2, 1967, and any purported amendments thereto.

C. Unless otherwise stated, the relevant time period for these requests is January 1, 2016 to the present.

Documents and Other Tangible Things Requested

1. All documents, including but not limited to receipts, invoices, cancelled checks and bills of sale, that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, any expense incurred by, or paid on behalf of, PSAE.

2. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, correspondence or communications between the Trust and PSAE.

3. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, correspondence or communications between the Trust and any attorneys representing PSAE, including but not limited to any members of the Riezman Berger law firm.

4. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, correspondence or communications between the Trust and any of the following individuals which mention or refer to PSAE:

- a. Edward Martin;
- b. John Schlafly;
- c. Andy Schlafly;
- d. Bruce Schlafly;
- e. Kathleen Sullivan; and
- f. Phyllis Schlafly.

5. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, any transfers of funds to or from any account owned or maintained by PSAE to or from any account owned or maintained by the Trust or its purported trustees.

6. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, the deposit or transfer of any monies to the Trust in respect of donations received in connection with any mailing, solicitation or request for donations made by PSAE, including but not limited to the solicitation letters attached hereto as Group Exhibit 1.

7. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, the deposit or transfer of any monies to PSAE in respect of donations received in connection with any mailing, solicitation or request for donations which refer to or mention PSAE, including but not limited to the solicitation letters attached hereto as Group Exhibit 1.

8. All documents (including correspondence and communications) that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, the Trust's involvement with, payment of expenses for or support of any solicitation letters distributed by or for the benefit of PSAE, including but not limited to the solicitation letters attached hereto as Group Exhibit 1.

9. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, any transfer of any funds, accounts, intellectual property rights, personal property or assets from the Trust to PSAE.

10. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, any agreements, whether oral or written, between the Trust and PSAE, including but not limited to any licenses and agreements regarding clerical services, office leases, website management and/or administrative expenses.

11. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, any income, benefits or expenses paid by the Trust to, or on behalf of, PSAE.

12. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, any income, benefits or expenses paid by PSAE to, or on behalf of, the Trust.

13. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, the Trust providing payments to, or reimbursing any debts and/or obligations on behalf of, PSAE or any of its officers and directors.

14. All documents (including correspondence and communications) that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, any intellectual property rights, interests or claims asserted by any of the following individuals or entities:

- a. Eagle Forum;
- b. PSAE;
- c. the Trust;
- d. Eagle Forum Education and Legal Defense Fund; and
- e. Phyllis Schlafly.

15. All documents (including correspondence and communications) related to the Trust's promotion of, involvement with, payment of expenses for or support of any events for

PSAE or any of its officers and directors, including but not limited to an event in Naples, Florida on February 23, 2017.

16. All documents related to PSAE's use of any mailing lists, databases, contact lists and/or membership lists allegedly owned, managed, controlled, used or acquired by the Trust.

17. All documents that refer or relate to, or otherwise evidence, the Trust's involvement with, payment of expenses for or support of any communications, internet postings, social media posts, blogs, domain name registrations or website maintenance relating to PSAE.

18. All correspondence and communications received from any third parties in response to the solicitation letters attached hereto as Group Exhibit 1.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Illinois

ANNE SCHLAFLY CORI, et al.,

Plaintiff

v.

PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S AMERICAN EAGLES, et al.,

Defendant

Civil Action No. 3:16-cv-00946 DRH-RJD

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: John Schlafly, in his capacity as Successor Trustee of Eagle Trust Fund, 322 State Street, Alton, IL 62002

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

☒ **Testimony:** YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the time, date, and place set forth below to testify at a deposition to be taken in this civil action. If you are an organization, you must designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or designate other persons who consent to testify on your behalf about the following matters, or those set forth in an attachment:

Place: Offices of Spencer Fane, LLP, 1 North Brentwood, Suite 1000, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Date and Time:

03/02/2017 9:30 am

The deposition will be recorded by this method: Stenographic and Videotape

☒ **Production:** You, or your representatives, must also bring with you to the deposition the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and must permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material: See attached Exhibit A.

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 2/8/2017

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party) Plaintiffs, Anne Schlafly Cori, et al., , who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Erik O. Solverud, Spencer Fane LLP, 1 N. Brentwood Blvd., Ste. 1000, St. Louis, MO 63105; 314-863-7733; esolverud@spencerfane.com

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

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PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)

I received this subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
on *(date)* _____.

☐ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named individual as follows: _____

_____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____
_____.

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also
tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of
\$ _____.

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00 .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)

(c) Place of Compliance.

(1) **For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition.** A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) **For Other Discovery.** A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) **Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions.** A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) **Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.**

(A) **Appearance Not Required.** A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) **Objections.** A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) **When Required.** On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) **When Permitted.** To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

(i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) **Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.** In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) **Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information.** These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) **Documents.** A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) **Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.** If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) **Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.** The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) **Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.** The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) **Information Withheld.** A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) **Information Produced.** If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) Contempt.

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

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- c. the Trust;
- d. Eagle Forum Education and Legal Defense Fund; and
- e. Phyllis Schlafly.

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Phyllis Schlafly
Chairman



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The elites are betraying America. Help me Put Americans First!

Dear Fellow American,

Barack Obama just released 20,000 more illegal aliens into our communities. They came from many countries and are looking to work for less pay than Americans expect and deserve.

Crony international corporations are exporting U.S. jobs to Communist China's slave labor factories.

Sleazy D.C. lobbyists pay off Congressmen on behalf of foreign interests.

And hardly anyone is standing up for the American people!

I've been fighting to protect American sovereignty since I got involved in politics in 1964. But never before have we faced a crisis like this.

Please do two things for me and our great nation right away.

First, please sign the enclosed "Put Americans First" petitions directed to the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Both parties will be drafting Platforms at their conventions this summer. The lobbyists and big business interests want them to turn control over Americans to various globalist organizations.

Both Party's leaders need to understand that this globalist nonsense must stop. They should put Americans first!

Next, please send in a generous contribution of \$20, \$35, \$50, or \$100 or more to help me convince the politicians of both parties to support our Americans First agenda.

We need to lobby delegates at both party conventions. We need to fight on Capitol Hill.

We must keep fighting until the politicians listen to We the People and PUT AMERICANS FIRST!

Our agenda is simple.

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No more treaties that benefit foreign governments instead of the American people.

No more taxpayer bailouts of international corporations.

No more subsidies for foreign companies.

No more open borders.

No more crooked globalist organizations like the UN interfering in America's affairs.

No more Capitol Hill lobbyists representing foreign interests.

We must rebuild our military so we can fight and win any war necessary to protect Americans. We must stop letting anyone treat our armed forces as a global social welfare agency!

We need to expel illegal immigrants and keep Muslims out.

And we need to do it now!

The fact is, our government is corrupt. It doesn't represent the American people any more.

Big business, liberal special interests, crooked politicians and shady international organizations are looting America.

For instance, Republicans in Congress voted to give Barack Obama extraordinary powers to negotiate his international ObamaTrade treaty in secret.

This treaty gives a bunch of foreign countries a leg up. American workers get the shaft.

Instead of putting Americans first, Republicans and Democrats are conspiring to enact this treaty that gives a multinational committee the right to change our trade and immigration laws without the approval of Congress or consent of the American people.

Then there is the issue of our border.

Right now the "kingmaker" elites running both parties want to flood America with illegal immigrants.

They don't care about the economic or physical security of people like you and me. They don't care about the ability of Americans to support their families.

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They simply want to save a few dollars per hour by paying low wages to illegal immigrants instead of Americans.

They are trying to turn America into a third world Socialist nation by importing poor welfare-dependent immigrants.

The American people must stop this madness.

Our Eagle Leaders are ready to confront the leaders of both political parties at their national conventions this summer.

Please sign your Put Americans First petitions immediately.

When Republicans and Democrats are drafting their 2016 Platforms, I want to be able to stand in front of the media with all these petitions.

I want to persuade politicians of both parties to do the right thing.

The national media will be focused on these two historic national conventions in Cleveland and Philadelphia. This is our golden opportunity to stand up for American sovereignty.

The Democrats want to subjugate Americans to the power of various international organizations.

They want a World Court to be able to try our brave soldiers.

They want to get Obama to sign international agreements that regulate our industries, erase our borders, and make deals binding on our laws and courts -- even though they are never ratified by the U.S. Senate.

On the Republican side, big business wants cheap labor and subsidies for foreign companies through crony capitalist organizations like the Export-Import Bank.

They want Wall Street bailouts and one-sided trade deals that benefit only international corporations and Third World countries.

We've had enough of this anti-American globalism!

My loyal supporters -- my American Eagles -- and I have been fighting for America's sovereignty for decades.

I led the fight against the Panama Canal giveaway. I led the fight against every open borders proposal such as the North American Union.

Over, please...

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I know that grassroots Americans can help change the direction of our country by forcing a change to the platforms of the two political parties.

However, we have to fight hard, and we have to fight now!

Please, sign your petitions and make a generous donation to our Americans First campaign.

This battle doesn't simply begin and end at the party conventions. Oh no.

We need to take this fight to Washington, to Congress and to the White House.

I'm committed to doing everything humanly possible to stand up for the American people and for American sovereignty, but I need your help.

Please help me rally grassroots conservatives against this globalist Madness.

Please sign your petition and rush it back to me right now.

And please include a generous donation to our "Americans First" campaign.

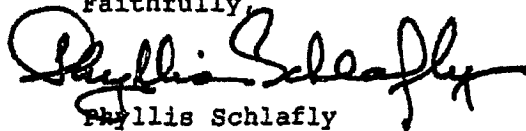
\$20, \$35, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford will help us confront the party bosses at their conventions.

And your financial help will allow us to take our Americans First campaign to D.C., New York, San Francisco and wherever American sovereignty is under attack.

This will be a long and hard campaign. However, it's one we must win. America's fate hangs in the balance.

Thank you in advance for standing with me in this fight.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Phyllis Schlafly". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Phyllis Schlafly
Phyllis Schlafly's American Eagles

P.S. Please sign your Put Americans First petition to the leaders of Republican and Democratic Parties. I need thousands of these petitions in hand when I confront the party bosses at their conventions.

And, if at all possible, please include a generous contribution of \$20, \$35, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford to help fund my national Americans First campaign.

Phyllis Schlafly
Chairman



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National Campaign to Put Americans First

TO: Phyllis Schlafly
Chairman, Phyllis Schlafly's American Eagles

FROM:

Dear Phyllis,

Enclosed are my signed petitions to the leaders of the Republican and Democratic Parties. Please make sure they are delivered at the national party conventions this summer. To help you take our national Americans First grassroots campaign nationwide, enclosed is my most generous contribution of:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$35 ☐ \$20 ☐ Other\$ _____

Please see reverse side to contribute by credit card.

Please make checks payable to Phyllis Schlafly's American Eagles (an IRS-recognized 501(c)(4) organization). Because we lobby Congress on your behalf, contributions are not tax-deductible.

To stay up-to-date on our efforts to put Americans First, please provide your email address:

Petition to National Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus

I, the undersigned patriotic American citizen do hereby ask that the Republican National Convention strengthen its national party platform to Put Americans First by supporting Phyllis Schlafly's Americans First Agenda.

I ask the Republican Party to support:

- 1) Closing our southern border
- 2) A ban on Muslim immigration
- 3) Rebuilding the U.S. military and using our armed forces to defend America, not foreign interests
- 4) An end to one-sided trade deals that undermine the American economy and hurt American workers
- 5) A ban on foreign lobbyists in Washington
- 6) Ending U.S. involvement in corrupt globalist organizations

Signed _____

Mrs. Anne Cori

City _____

State _____

Petition to National Democratic Party Chairman Debbie Wasserman Schultz

I, the undersigned patriotic American citizen do hereby ask that the Democratic National Convention revise its national party platform to Put Americans First by supporting Phyllis Schlafly's Americans First Agenda.

I ask the Democratic Party to support:

- 1) Closing our southern border
- 2) A ban on Muslim immigration
- 3) Rebuilding the U.S. military and using our armed forces to defend America, not foreign interests
- 4) An end to one-sided trade deals that undermine the American economy and hurt American workers
- 5) A ban on foreign lobbyists in Washington
- 6) Ending U.S. involvement in corrupt globalist organizations

Signed _____

Mrs. Anne Cori

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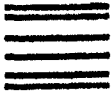
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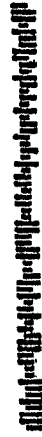
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Phyllis Schlafly
Founder

Phyllis Schlafly Eagles

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December 2016

Dear fellow Eagle,

It was in re-reading Phyllis' prophetic letter of November 2014 that I ran across the line.

"Our Eagles must fly into action ..."

She was speaking of you. Her Eagle. Our Eagle.

Phyllis was ever buoyed by the faithful friendship of her countless thousands of supporters. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your loyalty to all you know to be true. It is you who have helped America soar to victory in a grueling, unprecedented battle to restore the presidency to authentic, grassroots conservatism.

Proof, perhaps, of the existence of the "*silenced majority*"!

The forum of Eagles to which you belong is Phyllis' enduring legacy. Now, we are her voice, not an echo. We proudly call ourselves, quite simply, **Phyllis Schlafly Eagles**.

And there's not a moment to lose as we carry on her tremendous and awe-inspiring mission. Together we must lead the fight to reverse the disaster of Obamacare, defeat Common Core, hold President Trump's feet to the fire on abortion and immigration, and put an end to the misguided push for a Constitutional Convention.

I need you to fly into action along with me!

The nomination of a successor to Justice Scalia is at stake, and we need your immediate help. **A new Supreme Court Justice will serve for the next 30 years, rendering critically important decisions for the future of our country and our children.**

If you haven't already replied to one or both of this fall's special requests from John and Bruce Schlafly, please don't wait. We're working tirelessly to advance our shared cause by **carrying on every one of Phyllis' most important priorities:**

- **producing *The Phyllis Schlafly Report***, now in its 50th year of consecutive monthly publication.
- **continuing Phyllis' syndicated weekly column**, which appears at the Drudge Report, TownHall.com, Conservative Chronicle, and other places.
- **protecting and defending the American family** against the ravages of moral relativism, liberal policies, dumbed down education, and the death of patriotism at the hands of Barack Obama.

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- **publishing education and advocacy books**, among which is the just-released *Phyllis Schlafly Speaks*, a volume of hand-picked speeches that Phyllis chose to represent her most eloquent expression of the values she fought hardest to protect.
- **representing grassroots conservatism**, standing up to the “kingmakers” and establishment operatives Phyllis worked so hard to dethrone.
- **opposing disastrous trade deals** that threaten jobs and family security.
- **keeping a strong presence in Washington, DC**, where we’re a trusted voice that President-elect Trump and his top advisers rely on for their post-election strategies. *(If you missed reading the extraordinary tribute to Phyllis that Donald Trump delivered at her funeral, let me know and I’ll mail you an extra copy.)*

Phyllis emphasized how much she wanted her conservative principles – your values – to live long into the future. Her vision began in 1964 with her classic book, *A Choice Not An Echo*, and attained its spectacular triumph in the 2016 election.

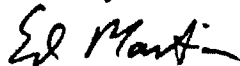
Beginning with the Eagle Trust Fund, publisher of *The Phyllis Schlafly Report*, Phyllis had the vision and foresight to found and lead organizations to carry on her mission to make America great again. These organizations remain aloft for you, her beloved Eagle friend. Along with the tax-exempt Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund, they comprise the family of **Phyllis Schlafly Eagles**.

But Phyllis would be the first to say that our work is not done.

Now it is up to us, as thousands of faithful Eagles across the U.S., to carry on Phyllis’ legacy and finish the job she began. It is up to us to be **her voice, not an echo of the liberal elite**.

I thank you for continuing to advance her mission and legacy as we carry on the great and necessary work of upholding the truth, as our shared future surely depends on it. May you and your family enjoy a blessed Christmas!

Faithfully in her name,



Ed Martin, President

P.S. In our months of close collaboration prior to my appointment as her successor, Phyllis entrusted to me the keys to advancing her vision and mission. She charged me with the terrific task of gathering her Eagles, and carrying us forward together to secure America’s family. Let me know you’re with us. **On the enclosed reply form, please share your opinion by helping us to rank priorities for our direction in 2017. Your perspective is important to us!**

P.P.S. Phyllis lived and died in courageous defense of what was right, even when doing so came at great personal cost. I need your help to carry her passionate fight forward, especially taking critical and sustained action to secure the appointment of a truly conservative Supreme Court Justice!



Yes, I want conservatives to win in 2017!

From:

To:

Phyllis Schlafly
Eagle Trust Fund
P.O. Box 618
Alton, Illinois 62002

December 2016

YES, count me among the Phyllis Schlafly Eagles flying into action this season!

I am most passionate about the following issue(s) facing America's family [please rank with #1 being the specific area you believe needs our action *most* urgently]:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> building a wall to stop illegal aliens | <input type="checkbox"/> protecting U.S. sovereignty and putting Americans <u>first</u> in the world |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> opposing a "Constitutional Convention" | |
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As a Phyllis Schlafly Eagle, I'm proud to contribute to the:

- ☐ **Eagle Trust Fund**, which helps ensure the continued publication of the monthly *Phyllis Schlafly Report* to keep members informed (*not tax-deductible; your gift of \$20 or more renews your annual subscription to The Phyllis Schlafly Report*)
- ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$ _____
- ☐ **Phyllis Schlafly's American Eagles**, the activist organization carrying on our founder's mission to be your voice in the halls of Congress and State Legislatures (*not tax-deductible*)
- ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$ _____
- ☐ **Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund**, the educational organization devoted to arming every American with the truth about the issues of greatest concern for families today (*tax-deductible*)
- ☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$ _____



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- ☐ My donation is \$100 or more. Please send me a copy of *Phyllis Schlafly Speaks*, volume 1, our new collection of Phyllis Schlafly's speeches.



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Why We Need the Electoral College

On December 19, for the 58th time since our U.S. Constitution was adopted, presidential electors will gather in their respective state capitols to cast their ballots. In 30 states, Republican electors will cast 306 ballots; in 20 states and the District of Columbia, Democratic electors will cast 232 ballots.

On January 6, the 538 ballots will be opened and counted during a joint session of the newly elected 115th Congress. Speaker Paul Ryan and outgoing Vice President Joe Biden will announce that Donald J. Trump has been elected the 45th President of the United States by "a majority of the whole number of Electors" in the Electoral College.

While Trump won a clear majority of the votes in the Electoral College, he did not win the most popular votes. Some liberals are engaging in sore-loser backbiting by falsely focusing on the meaningless outcome in the popular vote.

The Chicago Cubs did not score more runs than the Cleveland Indians in the World Series, yet the Cubs were declared the winner. Was that unfair, or does anyone challenge that result? Of course not. A baseball team is not rewarded for running up the score in one game, and winning a game by 6-0 (as the Indians won game one) does not count any more than winning a game by 1-0 (as the Indians won game three).

Our Electoral College uses the same fair system as our national pastime. Hillary Clinton "ran up the score" in liberal states like California, New York, and Illinois, but that should not and did not give her any extra advantage in the election.

In illegal-immigration friendly California, Hillary Clinton defeated Donald Trump by more than 4 million votes, and ballots were not even fully counted by the end of November. But the election results should not depend on how many votes a candidate can obtain in a liberal, insolvent state like California, and our Nation need not wait until all those votes are counted before declaring the winner.

Our Electoral College prevents tyranny by the majority, or giving one state so much influence over the others. Instead, our Founders wisely compartmentalized our Union such that each state, even tiny ones like New Hampshire, has an influence all its own. This usually ensures that one candidate attains a majority of the Electoral College vote, even though none of the candidates garner a majority of the popular vote. In more than half of the presidential elections over the past quarter century, no candidate attained a majority of the popular vote.

Twice in the last five presidential elections the winner of the Electoral College did not receive more popular votes than his rival, but that is only because California is so one-sidedly Democrat. Without including California, the Republican candidates won the popular vote in three of the past five elections.

Our Nation should not be hostage to California's refusal to enforce America's immigration laws, even refusing to take reasonable steps to prevent illegals from voting. Likewise, we should not be victim to the Democratic political machines in large cities that are notorious for withholding their vote totals until late in the evening, to see how many votes they need to flip a result trending Republican.

Some fail to recognize that the Electoral College is the single greatest safeguard against voter fraud and a potential national crisis if there is a disputed presidential election outcome. Chicago can cheat all it wants in voting, as it has historically done, but that will not change the outcome today under the ingenious system of our Electoral College.

Our Founders opposed tyranny by the majority, and the Bill of Rights stands against allowing a mere "majority vote" to impose its will on everyone else. The Electoral College is there for the same reason, to provide a buffer against the whims of the masses.

Opponents of the Electoral College could repeal it by hijacking a Convention of States, which is a euphemistic term for a new constitutional convention. While promoters of the Convention of States deny repealing the Electoral College as their goal, they do not disclose the identity of

their financial backers so there is no way to know for sure what their real underlying intent is.

The wonderful Republican Platform of 2016, which helped carry Donald Trump to his victory, rejects any "scheme to abolish or distort the procedures of the Electoral College," including the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. That compact, enacted by ten states so far, attempts to bypass the Electoral College without changing the Constitution.

To the liberals demanding an end to the Electoral College, why aren't they also demanding that the Chicago Cubs return their World Series trophy? For the same reason it makes sense not to allow a baseball team to benefit from running up the score in a single game of the series, it also makes sense not to allow a liberal presidential candidate to benefit from running up her vote tally in a few liberal states.

Trump Has a Point About Illegal Votes

When Donald Trump boldly complained about the "millions of people who voted illegally" in the presidential election, he may not have been far from the mark after California is considered. Most Americans are unaware just how far California's election procedures have drifted away from the rest of our country.

In the 49 States other than California, Donald Trump crushed Hillary Clinton by almost 2 million popular votes. The claim that Hillary won the national popular vote is due entirely to the huge run-up in votes that she claims she received in California.

Hillary's reported vote total in California is constantly changing, even weeks after the election, so Donald Trump's skepticism about the popular vote total is healthy. A look at rules in California which are rejected by nearly every other state illustrates why California's vote should not dictate the future of our country.

For starters, California continued to accept mailed-in ballots lacking in safeguards against voter fraud for days after the rest of the country voted on Election Day. How many of these mailed-in ballots, not received until days after the election, are the result of fraud?

California does not require any photo identification or comparable verification before allowing someone to cast a ballot. This is in contrast to the states that do have safeguards against voting by impostors, and most of the voter ID states were carried by Trump.

California is one of only three states that allow convicted felons to vote while sitting in jail behind bars. In most other states, murderers and rapists are denied the ability to influence the outcome of an election even after they have been released from jail, unless they go through a process to have their voting rights restored.

California harbors illegal aliens in far greater numbers than other states, with several major cities in California

designated as "sanctuary cities." The entire state was declared a "sanctuary" by the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Justice, a decision which allows the Attorney General to withhold federal funds from the state.

In 2013 the California legislature even passed a law to allow illegal aliens to serve on juries, in contrast with all other states. Democratic Governor Jerry Brown vetoed that bill, but he signed a bill to prohibit state government from using the word "alien" because, according to the bill's sponsor, state senator Tony Mendoza, it "has very negative connotations."

Illegal aliens have been given so many benefits and protections unavailable to them in other states that the term "California citizenship" has been used to describe its un-American approach. Many of those illegal aliens could have voted because in practice there is nothing to stop them from doing so, and Trump is right to complain about the unknown number who "voted illegally" in the presidential election.

In addition, California did not allow any Republican to be on the general election ballot for U.S. Senator this year, due to an unusual process that eliminated the Republican candidate in the primary. Given a choice between two liberal Democratic minority females, California's U.S. Senate race was more like something found in Cuba or other one-party systems.

Many local races in California also reflected a one-party system where voters were given a choice between two different members of the Democratic Party, both of whom generally supported the same political positions. While Californians could vote for the Republican candidate Trump for president, many could not vote for a Republican candidate for other key offices in the general election.

Neither Trump nor Hillary Clinton spent much time or money campaigning in California, which has expensive media markets and a sprawling population nearly 800 miles from north to south. The final vote tally in that state is as meaningless as the final score in a sporting event where one side continued to run up the score after the outcome was already settled.

If the outcome of the election were based on who won the most popular votes rather than who won the Electoral College, then the candidate who spent the most money would have an enormous advantage. The very problem that liberals criticize so often – the influence of money in determining the outcome of elections – would be far worse if popular votes were all that mattered.

Instead, the Electoral College brilliantly allows a less-funded candidate, as Trump was, to focus on a half-dozen small-media states to take his campaign right to the American people without relying heavily on negative ads as Hillary Clinton did. How ironic it is that the critics of negative campaigning and the corrosive effect of big money in politics are not defending Trump's victory based on his large rallies with the people in a few swing states.

Was the Election Rigged?

Was the election rigged in favor of Hillary Clinton, as Donald Trump repeatedly claimed? The mainstream media have been in collective outrage since Donald Trump, in the third debate, said he reserves the right to contest the outcome on November 8.

Liberals insist that voter fraud is a myth invented by conservatives as a pretext for voter suppression. By defining voter fraud so narrowly as to mean only impersonation at the polling place, liberals ignore other serious threats to the accuracy and legitimacy of our elections.

In a press release dated October 1, Obama's secretary of homeland security Jeh Johnson publicly warned that the potential for cyberattacks from overseas could disrupt the administration of this year's presidential election. "In recent months," Johnson said, "we have determined that malicious actors gained access to state voting-related systems."

Cyberattacks get headlines, but there are many other ways our elections can be stolen. One of the most common is the risk that your vote could be cancelled by the votes of people who are legally ineligible to vote.

Felons are one large category of people who, in many states, are prohibited from casting a ballot unless they regain that privilege by going through a process of application and approval. But that didn't stop felons from illegally voting in close elections, including the 2000 presidential race in Florida (decided by 537 votes out of 6 million cast) and the 2008 U.S. Senate race in Minnesota (decided by 312 votes out of 3 million cast).

Al Franken supposedly won that U.S. Senate race, which led him to become the 60th and deciding vote for Obamacare. But as John Fund said on C-SPAN on October 23, "we have proof that 1,200 felons voted illegally in that election, and 200 of them were actually convicted of casting a fraudulent ballot, and the election was decided by 312 votes."

Virginia, where longtime Clinton fixer Terry McAuliffe is now the governor, is another state that bars felons from voting until they apply for and receive restoration of their voting rights. Saying he "cannot accept" a ruling of the Virginia Supreme Court which struck down his unilateral action to give voting rights to 206,000 felons, Gov. McAuliffe reinstated voting rights to 13,000 felons – which is enough to swing an election in that battleground state.

Besides felons, an even larger category of persons ineligible to vote is non-citizens. Surely we can all agree that U.S. citizenship should be required for anyone to vote in U.S. elections. Yet most states do not demand proof of U.S. citizenship from persons voting or registering to vote.

No one denies that our registration rolls include

millions of non-U.S. citizens, both legal and illegal, who have accidentally or intentionally registered to vote while applying for public assistance or a driver's license. But how many of those aliens actually voted, and how many elections were swayed by those fraudulent votes?

A study published in 2014 by researchers at Old Dominion University provides some answers. Using standard statistical techniques, the ODU study extrapolates from surveys to conclude that tens of thousands of illegal votes were cast in recent elections by citizens of other countries.

In the 2008 Minnesota Senate race that Al Franken supposedly won by 312 votes, the ODU researchers estimate that 3,000 votes were cast by persons who were not U.S. citizens. The study also concludes that in the 2008 presidential election in North Carolina, Obama's narrow victory margin of 14,177 votes was made possible by non-citizen voters.

Remember the 5 million illegal aliens who received temporary legal status under the DACA and DAPA programs because of Obama's unilateral executive action? Some of them went door-to-door to help elect Hillary Clinton and other Democrats, especially in northern Virginia.

Although felons and non-citizens are obvious sources of voter fraud, they are just the tip of the iceberg. According to a study by the Pew Center on the States, published in February 2012, more than 24 million voter registrations are invalid or seriously inaccurate.

Among the 24 million bad registrations are 1.8 million people who are dead and 2.8 million who are registered in more than one state (including 70,000 people who are registered in more than two states). About 12 million registrations had incorrect addresses, which suggests that the voter no longer lived at the address where he registered.

Every bad registration creates the temptation to cheat by someone casting a ballot in the name of a voter who has died or moved away from the precinct. Liberals claim such impersonation is rare because it is rarely punished, but with 24 million bad registrations, many close elections can be determined by fraudulent votes.

In September of this year, a judge in St. Louis threw out a Democratic primary election for state representative because of absentee voter fraud and ordered a do-over. The do-over was held September 16, and this time the challenger (the victim of voter fraud) won in a landslide.

The liberal *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* has strongly criticized Trump's talk of a rigged election, but when it came to the Democratic primary in its own back yard, the paper interviewed dozens of people, reviewed thousands of documents, and found "numerous irregularities." For example, "Many voters said they were duped into filling out absentee ballots and were told to mark that they were incapacitated when they were not."

The Dangers of Early Voting

When FBI Director James Comey announced on October 28 that his agents were reviewing 650,000 emails on a computer belonging to Hillary Clinton's closest aide, Huma Abedin, political pundits immediately speculated about how this "October surprise" would affect the election. But the shocking news came too late for many Americans, because they already voted.

The day after Comey's announcement, the *New York Times* reported that 22 million Americans had already voted in this year's presidential election. That's more than one-sixth of the expected turnout.

To put that number in perspective, 22 million is more than the margin of victory in every presidential election in American history. President Obama's 2008 margin of victory was only 10 million votes, and even Ronald Reagan's "morning in America" landslide was only 15 million votes.

Early voting began when a few states stopped requiring voters to provide a good excuse for obtaining an absentee ballot. Then a few more states began to set up special polling places for no-excuse early voting. In several states, most ballots are returned by mail long before Election Day.

Like so many bad ideas, early voting began as an accommodation for a small number of sympathetic people who were inconvenienced because they were elderly, disabled, or needed to be away from home on Election Day. The exception widened in a gradual creep, until early voting became taken for granted, and then claimed as a right belonging to everyone.

Early voting is not a constitutional right, as proved by the fact that Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan still allow no early voting at all. Unfortunately, some federal courts have ruled that once a state allows early voting, that practice can never be curtailed because of its "disparate impact" on minority voters.

A federal court ruled that Ohio could not reduce its 35 days of early voting, and another federal court ruled that North Carolina could not cut back its 17 days. The U.S. Supreme Court has never addressed the claim that early voting, once allowed, can never be limited.

Before 2008, when Obama exploited early voting so successfully, many Republicans were lulled in the complacent belief that both parties would benefit from the added convenience of early voting. Republicans failed to foresee how labor unions and other interest groups could turn early voting into a powerful and one-sided engine for turning out Democratic votes.

Early voting enables Democrats to badger, berate, bribe, or bamboozle reluctant, low-information voters to the polls. Democratic Party and union workers can identify reluctant voters and harass them until the party worker

verifies that they have actually cast their ballot.

Democrats no longer hide the advantage that early voting gives them. In October, according to *Politico*, Democrats were going "pedal-to-the-metal" in "an all-out blitz to turn out the early vote, hoping to bank enough votes to overwhelm Donald Trump even before the polls open on Election Day."

Democrats made a special effort to win the swing state of North Carolina, where a federal court overturned needed election reforms passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor. It's no surprise that the African-American early vote for Hillary ran behind what Obama achieved four years ago, but Democrats were trying to make up that lost ground in the final 7 days.

It's time to enforce the federal law which provides that federal elections take place in even years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, also known as "Election Day." With a few exceptions for good cause, such as active-duty military service, all votes should be cast in your home precinct on that one day, all across America.

The U.S. Constitution requires that the delegates to the Electoral College cast their ballots for President on the same day, which is the third Monday in December following Election Day. By requiring each state's presidential electors to meet on the same day at their respective state capitols, the Constitution prevents any state from interfering with another state's election process.

We can all agree that no member of a jury should vote on guilt or innocence until all the evidence has been presented at a trial. By the same token, voters should not cast their ballots before the political campaign is over.

The integrity of elections is just as important as the universally accepted rules for jury trials, whereby jurors are asked to keep their minds open and withhold judgment until after closing arguments. Spreading out voting over an extended period of several weeks, or even a month or more, makes it impractical for poll watchers to monitor the voting for fraud.

Internet searches on "can you change your early vote" spiked after the FBI reopened its investigation of Hillary Clinton. Voters obviously did not want another Watergate, which is what Hillary would have been. Early voting should be replaced by traditional, informed voting on Election Day.

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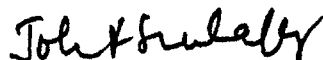
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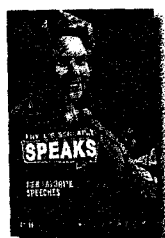
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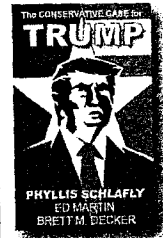
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